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THIS WEEK'S COVER—

The Latter-day Saint Chapel at Washington, D.C., capital city of the United States, adorns this week's cover of the *Star*. It was erected in 1933 at a cost of £100,000 and is one of the well-known edifices of the city.

More than 1,000 members residing in Washington attend the services in the Chapel, among whom are many high-ranking and influential Government officials, such as Elders William H. King and Elbert D. Thomas, members of the United States Senate. The former recently delivered an address from Washington, D.C. over the Columbia Broadcasting System's "Church of the Air." (See next page.)

THE GOSPEL UNIVERSAL

By ELDER WILLIAM H. KING

THOUGH the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized more than one hundred years ago, and its adherents like the followers of Jesus in His day, have visited many lands proclaiming the principles of their faith, there are hundreds of millions of people to whom it is still unknown.

Soon after the organization of the Church, the Lord imposed a duty upon its members to carry the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ, as it had been revealed to the inhabitants of the earth. Under trying circumstances and bitter persecution, faithful and devoted servants of the Lord have attempted to discharge this duty. Hundreds of thousands of God-fearing men and

women, in many lands, accepted their message and were baptized into the Church. Many left homes and native lands to associate themselves with the body of the Church, and to aid in carrying forward what they believed to be the purposes of God. The boundaries of the Church are being extended, and its membership increased; and those who have accepted the Gospel are endeavouring to exemplify in their lives, the Gospel as taught by Jesus Christ in His day, and as it has been revealed in the latter days through the inspired Prophet Joseph Smith.

The Gospel taught by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is not new. It was known in ancient times and preached in its fulness by Jesus and His disciples.

Paul declared that "the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation." It means the revelation given by God for the guidance and salvation of men, and especially it is the announcement of salvation through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel consists of the plan ordained of God for the salvation of man. It rests upon the vicarious atonement of Jesus Christ; and it is fundamental that through the atonement of Christ mankind may be saved by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

The first article of the faith of the Church is as follows: "We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost."

The members of the Church believe in a Personal God, who has revealed Himself in various dispensations; that He is the Father of the spirits of all flesh; that He takes cognizance of

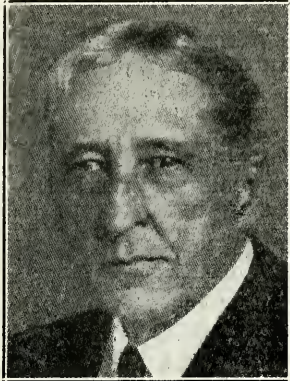
Radio Address

This article is adapted from an address which Elder King delivered over a network of more than seventy radio stations in the United States and Canada. The broadcast emanated from Washington, D.C., on Sunday, January 17th, and was released over the Columbia Broadcasting System's "Church of the Air" programme.

In addition to Elder King's address, musical numbers for the broadcast were furnished by members of the Washington, D.C. Branch, under the direction of Elder Edward P. Kimball.

His children and desires their exaltation. And they believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God, and that through His resurrection, life and immortality were brought to light.

The Bible, as well as historical works, demonstrates that there was a "falling away," or apostasy, from the church as established by Christ, and that for centuries the Gospel with all its embracing power and authority was not found among men. It is true there were religious organizations claiming to be followers of Jesus, or attached to the moral code which He taught; but His Divinity and His resurrection were denied, and the true spirit and meaning of His mission and teachings were misunderstood or ignored.



William H. King

Elder William H. King has been a member of the United States Senate in Washington, D.C., since 1917, and is now one of the ranking members of that body. Prior to that he had served two terms as a representative of the State of Utah in the United States Congress.

In Church affairs, Elder King has likewise been active and prominent. For three years (1880-82) he laboured as a travelling missionary in Great Britain. Prior to departing for the mission field, he was ordained an elder by Apostle Orson Pratt. For a number of years Elder King was a member of the High Council of both Milford and Utah stakes and for fifteen years served as a home missionary.

The Apostle Paul foresaw the day when the vitality and saving grace and power of the Church of Christ would be lost; when men would be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God—

"Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof."

Did not Lessing have this in mind when he said that:

"The Christian religion has been tried for eighteen centuries; but the religion of Christ remains to be tried."

The Gospel, as I have indicated, is the power of God unto salvation, and comprises the teachings of Christ, the principles established by Him, and has within it the authority given of God to administer its laws and ordinances. It connotes authority not from man, but from God.

That great interpreter of the Gospel, Apostle Paul, comprehended its meaning, its philosophy and its power. He declared that:

"It is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

In view of the fact that the Gospel in all of its power and fullness, was lost from the earth, it

was necessary, if mankind were to be the recipients of its blessings and saving power, that it should be restored. Such restoration manifestly could be accomplished only by revelations from God or by visitations of heavenly beings.

It is true the contention was made, and still is made, that the canon of scripture is closed and that revelations from God

no longer are given to men.

Emerson declared that:

"The vice of our theology is seen in the claim that the Bible is a Closed Book; and that the age of inspiration is past."

The scriptures contain many statements to the effect that God will manifest Himself to His children and reveal His mind and will.

John the Revelator, looking into the distant future, declared, under the inspiration of God:

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."—Revelation 14: 6-7

This scripture, the Latter-day Saints believe, has been fulfilled, and that the Church of Christ has again been established upon the earth, with all the authority and power with which it was endowed in the days of the Saviour.

St. Matthew, speaking of the future, declared that:

"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations: and then shall the end come."—Matthew 24: 14

The Church of Jesus Christ is carrying this Gospel of the kingdom to all nations.

It is the belief of the Latter-day Saints that Christ will come again and reign personally upon this earth. This belief rests not alone upon revelations found in the scriptures, but in modern revelations given to the Church since its organization in 1830, and in the testimonies given by God to its members.

In the Acts of the Apostles we read that Jesus, after His crucifixion and resurrection, imparted instructions to His followers:

"And while they looked steadfastly toward Heaven, as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into Heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into Heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into Heaven."—Acts 1: 10-11

The Latter-day Saints do not spiritualize away these prophecies and predictions, and they regard it as their mission to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations.

They believe all that God has revealed and that He does now reveal, and believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.

They regard the Gospel of Christ as a living, vital force essential to the promotion of righteousness and truth, and the establishment of God's kingdom upon the earth.

Wherever the Gospel is upon the earth, its followers have a message to the world—a message for the moral and spiritual development of the people; a message that is a challenge to the selfishness and greed and irreligion and hate and fear that are too pervasive in the world to-day. God is pleading with

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PRESIDENT LYMAN RETURNS

AFTER a five and a half weeks' tour through Europe, which took him through seven countries and six of the missions over which he presides, President Richard R. Lyman returned to his offices in London last week.

Many and varied were President Lyman's experiences during his journey. They included meetings with missionaries and members, visits to points of interest, and making an address before a club at whose meetings English is the only language spoken.



President Lyman
Visited six missions.

In all of the missions he visited, the Danish, German-Austrian, Czechoslovakian, Swiss-German, French and Netherlands, President Lyman held meetings with virtually all of the travelling elders labouring in those lands. Almost one week was spent in each mission.

At Esbjerg, Denmark, his first stop, the President spoke in the recently completed £2,000 chapel in that city. Other highlights of his trip included attendance at the Berlin District Primary and Sunday School conference, addressing

the Anglo-American Club in Brunn, where English is the only language spoken at the meetings, and witnessing a play in the Herstal Branch of the French Mission which depicted the story of the Seagulls rescuing the crops of the Pioneer farmers which had been plagued with crickets.

In Paris, President Lyman's interpreter at a meeting of members was Elder Karl Morgan Richards, who formerly laboured as a missionary in France and is now connected with the United States Embassy in Paris.

Some of the historical and well-known points of interest visited on the trip were the "Our Lady's Church" in Copenhagen, Erfurt Cathedral, the Woodrow Wilson memorials in Czechoslovakia, The League of Nations Buildings in Geneva, the Edith Cavell monument in Brussels, and the diamond-cutting factories in Amsterdam.

"I was greatly pleased with the splendid evidences of progress that are apparent in all of the missions," President Lyman stated upon his return.

On March 24th, President Lyman will leave for a trip through the Swedish and Norwegian Missions. Upon completing this trip, he will have visited every mission over which he presides with the exception of the Palestine-Syrian and the South African.—PARRY D. SORENSEN

THE BOOK OF MORMON IN RUSSIAN

By Elder A. Z. Richards, Jr.

THERE are few countries in the world which have not yet had the restored Gospel taken to their shores. One of them is Russia. Only recently has Russia's political attitude toward religion changed considerably. It now appears as though the way is opening for an entrance of the message of the restoration into that great part of northern Europe.

That great expanse of land, its people, and their customs are familiar to Brother Andre K. Anastasiou. He, himself, is a Russian, having been born in Odessa on October 13, 1894. That date is according to the Georgian calendar which was 12 days behind our calendar, which, however, has not been used in Russia since the War.

From Russia to Britain

If someone had told 19 year old Andre Anastasiou, when he was in the engine room of a merchant ship bound for Africa on the Mediterranean Sea from whence he went to Antwerp, Belgium, twenty-two years ago, that within a few years he would be a Christian minister, he would probably have believed the statement untrue. To-day he is a minister, an elder in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The position which he holds to-day, President of London District, is typical of all his labours since he joined the Church in London in 1917.

At "Townshott," the snug little home of the Anastasiou's in Great Bookham, Surrey, Brother Anastasiou spends his spare time reading and translating Russian as an avocation. His arduous task, during the past several years, has been that of translating the Book of Mormon into the Russian tongue. At the request of Dr. James E. Talmage he began in 1925. Dr. Talmage was then president of the European Mission, and a member of the council of the Twelve Apostles. A Book of Mormon with President Talmage's signature on the fly-leaf is among the books which Brother Anastasiou prizes in his library. Its 522 pages of English print will make considerably more pages in Russian. To an Englishman, the

words look like a conglomeration of extracts from the English and Greek alphabets.

How would you like to copy 500 pages of the Bible in long hand? Much more tedious is the task of translating a similar amount of text. Brother Anastasiou finished his translation some time ago, which produced 1,200 pages written compactly in ink on both sides of looseleaf paper. The 2,400 pages of writing make a manuscript about 5 inches thick. Its hand written pages also represent about five years' work. He was able to translate only during his spare time which limited the work to the evening and early morning hours.

At the present time, Brother Anastasiou is engaged in the task of checking and typing the Russian manuscript. He expects to have it finished soon and then will have it rechecked by experts in London.

When the time came that Brother Anastasiou needed a

typewriter to make his final copy, he was unable to purchase a new one because of the prohibitive cost. However, he purchased a small English machine. No sooner had he bought that typewriter than again he enquired at another shop for a Russian machine. After being informed that he could probably obtain one only by ordering it new, he prepared to leave when the clerk pulled from the dusty files a box containing old typewriter parts. From amongst its varied contents he withdrew a set of Russian type with keyboard. As it was of little value without the other part of the machine, the customer bought it at a bargain price. Unusual is the fact that that very keyboard fit perfectly into his other machine which was made for interchangeable sets of type with keyboard, although it was manufactured by an entirely different company, and there were probably few in London like it.



Andre K. Anastasiou at work.

This incident, with many others has enabled the translation to continue uninterrupted. Brother Anastasiou recalls how he read about Joseph Smith, how during the Prophet's sacred work a burning within his breast dispelled every doubt when passages were correct, but how the feeling of uneasiness always accompanied a slight error in his work and would not leave until the passage was correct. In answer to prayers, similar assistance has been granted the translator of the Russian volume by the Holy Spirit, during his work of translation. Often has Brother Anastasiou felt the warmth imparted by the Spirit only when a

passage is correct, and also the feeling which the Divine Companion gives when testifying that the passage is not correct.

The life of Brother Anastasiou, since he left his homeland in 1914 reads like a book, every chapter of which makes the reader feel that some supreme purpose is behind it all. He recalls distinctly the afternoon of May 18, 1914, when, cap in hand, he said farewell to his mother. He was going abroad, but where, he could not tell her. The beginning of the War found him swinging a miner's pick in the mines at Morlanwicz, Belgium. From the coal pits he made his way across the battlefields to Brussels. From there he slipped through the military lines to Ghent, thence to the briny shores at Ostend. It was here that he paid for passage to Folkestone.

Soon after his arrival in England Andre purchased an English grammar and attended night school, where he learned the

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EDITORIAL

THE HOLY GHOST

There are three ways of looking at this interesting entity, man. As an animal who lives briefly and dies, his body disintegrating and his personality coming to a complete end. As a being whose essence survives death. As an individual, not only possessing an eternal spirit, but capable of living here on earth in conscious touch with divine intelligence.

Late last century Roentgen discovered that by the use of short waves and a fluoroscope a person could look through his hand and see its bones. The rapid development

Never Discovered of this branch of physics soon made our solid flesh transparent to the eye of the observer and to the plate of his camera. But eager research workers have never peered into the body and seen the spirit, or discerned it in their amputations and dissections, or weighed it at the moment of death.

Though science has never discovered the soul, yet in all lands and in all ages men have thought of themselves as possessing one. Whether such belief is a defence against the disgust and hopelessness that death brought to the primitive man, or a shadow of early revelation from heaven, the conviction persists generally, among savage and civilized, that death is not the end.

But the highest and happiest of the three aspects of man comes to comparatively few. The ability to live in conscious touch with God comes through a living faith in His fatherly interest in us, through spiritual experiences and through prayer. By these man learns that he is not only possessed of a spirit, but that he is capable of communing with a kindly but infinitely higher intelligence and receiving therefrom unerring guidance.

According to the teaching of Jesus and his immediate followers it is the gift of the Holy Ghost that brings men into closest understanding with God. The Saviour promised to His Apostles that after Him the Comforter should come. He should lead them into all truth. It appears that Jesus expected the Holy Ghost would be to them as actual a guide as He himself had been during His short sojourn.

The Saviour's Promise He taught also that this great gift was not only a wonderful way of gaining new knowledge but also essential to salvation. To Nicodemus He taught that "except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God." (John 3: 5)

When the Comforter did come on the day of Pentecost, causing the Apostles to speak with new tongues, Peter, voicing the answer of the Church to the believing multitude, promised them that following repentance and baptism for the remission of sins they also would receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Later he and John went to the baptized Samaritans and laid their hands on them; and these converts of Philip received the Holy Ghost also. (Acts 8: 7) It is plain that this was the practice, for Paul, when he visited Ephesus, not only baptized the twelve converts but laid his hands on them "and the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied." (Acts 19: 6)

Generally speaking this greatest of all gifts from heaven is not manifested in the speaking tongues. That occurs at times, but more important are the constant inspiration in teaching and practicing the principles of the Gospel and the occasional bursts of light at critical moments.

As illustration of the latter, you might read in that delightful record of a modern apostle, *Leaves From My Journal*, by President Wilford Woodruff, how the voice of the Spirit came to him as he and a group of Saints were about to depart from an Ohio river port on a small steamer. The Holy Ghost directed him, although the passage was already arranged, that he should take them off. He obeyed. The steamer pulled out into the river, the boiler exploded, and the vessel sank. Numberless such cases during the last hundred years could be cited from the experience of Latter-day Saint missionaries and members.

Why was being born of the water and of the Spirit suggested by the Saviour as one birth? Why did Peter and John and Paul lay on hands and confer the gift of the Holy Ghost immediately after baptism? Why do the Elders of the Church to-day baptize and soon after lay on hands to confirm the convert a member and draw down from heaven the gift of the Holy Ghost?

Because, rising from the watery grave the repentant convert is forgiven of his sins and is in the most suitable state to receive the presence and influence of this sacred Personage. The sensitive Spirit manifests Himself under conditions that are congenial, and the forgiven soul is congenial, because the forgiveness of sins is a spiritual state.

Nevertheless, as the years pass, mortal weaknesses manifest themselves and the member of the Church, once forgiven, **Priceless Possession** offends the Spirit by his wrongdoing. If he forgets the principles on which his forgiveness was originally granted, then the ministrations of the Spirit will diminish or entirely cease. It is needful that he remember and practice faith and repentance constantly, in order for him to keep himself in such a state that day by day he may enjoy the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Ghost.

In such a condition, he has no doubt regarding the survival of his own spirit after death. He knows that truth with certainty. Moreover he is conscious of the whispering of the still small voice telling him of the imminence and fatherly direction of God in his life.—JOSEPH J. CANNON

THE ESSENTIALS OF A SATISFACTORY RELIGION

BY PRESIDENT BRYANT S. HINCKLEY

Of the Northern States Mission

A SOUND religion must minister to three basic human needs, must supply three requisites: (1) a satisfactory philosophy of life; (2) ethical standards by which to govern one's conduct; and (3) sources from which to draw inspiration and power. The first of these is necessary to put meaning and purpose into living. One religious philosophy must give a satisfactory explanation of man's origin and a rational interpretation of his destiny. That means that it deals with the immortality of man—with the purpose of his living, the meaning of death—the certitude of the resurrection. A satisfactory philosophy should supply the great ideals and hopes which lift one up and beckon constantly to the highest and finest emotions of his soul. The first essential of a sound and satisfactory religion must be a philosophy which inspires to fine endeavour, which stimulates hope, sustains in tribulation, and which bids him move forward no matter how furiously the storm beats in his face—a philosophy which sees a divine purpose running through all the mutations and vicissitudes of life. This it is that puts meaning and purpose into living.

The second requisite of a sound religion is to supply rules of human conduct and moral incentive for right living. It is that part of religion which deals with one's attitude toward others—with his standard of everyday conduct. It is that part of religion which lays great stress upon human behaviour. One of the essentials of a sound religion is to lay upon the hearts of its adherents the obligation to deal justly with all men. This helps one to be a good father, a kind husband, a loyal citizen. It means to live within one's income, to take no undue advantages, to bear one's burdens, to honour one's work; in short, to do what is right. The world is greatly in need of this. This is the phase of religion taught in the Ten Commandments and elevated and reinforced in the Golden Rule.

The third essential of a sound religion is a source of additional power. It is a divine source of power available to all who supply the necessary conditions. This third dimension means the revelation of truth which comes from a divine source to the souls of men. There is in man a divinity to which the Almighty communicates His will. Whenever the Lord speaks to man He speaks to his immortal soul and under the inspiration and power of this spirit men rise above themselves. It is this influence that enlightens the mind, elevates and enlarges the soul, ennobles and exalts man. It fills his heart with love, his eye with light. It was this spirit which guided Columbus in his search for help and sustained him in his perilous journey to the New World. It was this spirit which persuaded Cromwell to remain in England and carry on the great contest for freedom. He felt constantly that he was inspired from on high and sustained in all his endeavours to overthrow the royal tyrant and to broaden and deepen the

foundations of liberty in his native land. The great inventions, discoveries and achievements of men are manifestations of the power which comes from God and it is one of the basic requirements of a satisfactory religion. We repeat that every sound religion must satisfy these three basic human needs: a philosophy of life, rules of conduct, and additional power.

FIVE MORE STAR AWARDS

FIVE more silver "Star" pins, emblematic of the fact that the wearer of each has obtained more than 100 subscriptions to the *Millennial Star*, are now being worn by five more travelling missionaries in the British Mission. They are Supervising Elders Joseph W. Darling and Karl F. Foster, of Birmingham and Irish districts respectively, Elders Wendell C. Fowler and Leonard L. Moffett, of the Millennial Chorus, and Elder Austin M. Scott, of Irish District.

Presentation of the "Stars" to these elders took place recently at banquets and socials held in their honour. President Joseph J. Cannon presented the awards to Elders Fowler and Moffett at a banquet held in Hull, Tuesday, February 23, at which 42 missionaries were in attendance.

Elder Scott received his "Star" at a social held the same evening in Belfast. Sister Jean B. Cussans made the presentation. The social, which was conducted by Brother Joseph Ditty, was also in honour of Elder Darling, who was in Hull that evening. Upon his return to Belfast, he received his pin from Sister Cussans.

President Norman Dunn, of Birmingham District, was in charge of the presentation of Elder Foster's "Star," which took place Thursday, February 18th, at Birmingham. Travelling elders and lady missionaries of Birmingham and Nottingham Districts, together with members of Handsworth and Sparkbrook branches were in attendance.

To give more people the privilege of receiving the *Star's* weekly message, the month of March has been designated by President Cannon as "Star Month." Members in the branches throughout the Mission will endeavour to acquaint their friends and neighbours with the *Star* and travelling missionaries will also strive to widen their circles of friends that receive the *Star* in their postboxes each week.—PARRY D. SORENSEN



Elders Foster,
Fowler, Darling,
Scott and
Moffett

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the world to return to Him and His ways, and to prepare themselves for the millennial day when Christ shall come and rule upon the earth.

There is needed to-day a religion which introduces a new attitude towards life and humanity and towards the Eternal Father—an attitude that will make real the fraternity of man and the power of God.

The highest ethical standards and moral precepts are realized within the Gospel, and not beyond its influence and power. The religion of Christ inspires the noblest ideals, and without ideals or belief in them, nations will perish, civilization will be destroyed. Christianity wins only where it changes the hearts and minds not only of its followers, but of its opponents. It converts sinners, removes hate and lust and greed from the hearts of men, and subjects all to the reign of love and peace and righteousness. Its goal is not power, but the Kingdom of God.

Christ declared that "The Spirit of the Lord had anointed him to heal the broken-hearted; to give sight to the blind; and to set at liberty those that are bound."

The message of salvation proclaimed by the Saviour is being carried to the world by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and, if accepted, would transform the world; the hates and enmities that divide communities and nations would yield to the spirit of love and fraternalism, and the governments of men would be merged into the government of the Kingdom of God. Present-day inspiration is required to meet the pressing problems of the hour, and to avert the calamities that threaten the world. There are too many even in Christian lands, who are aliens to God and to God's work. They should be naturalized, and obtain the spirit which comes to those who humbly and sincerely follow the Saviour of the world.

There is dissatisfaction to-day with current conceptions of God and of religion. Creeds divide, and fragmentary views of the Gospel are seized upon by some who resist any effort to bring into harmonious relations all who profess the name of Christ. What is needed to-day is a living, vital, dynamic faith in Christ and in His divine mission and in the Gospel which has been given to earth.

Sir Oliver Lodge recognizes the importance of a faith that will promote unity and solidarity among the peoples of the world. He declared:

"By faith we may feel ourselves citizens of an eternal and glorious cosmogony, of mutual help and co-operation, advancing from lowly stages to ever higher states of happy activity, world without end."

But a few days ago there assembled in New York City representatives of various religious organizations. A resolution was adopted which in effect declared that there must be united service to make Christianity vital and fraternal. One of the speakers stated that the Protestant Church had lost ground in relation to its former strength; and added:

"We are a divided lot, frustrated by our own divisions and exhausted by the effort to maintain and finance our own separate and often petty and futile programmes."

He further declared:

"The paralysis of division is upon us at the very moment when the greatest crisis in the history of man demands the power of union."

A distinguished theological leader declared that:

"The Christian religion, opposed by Fascism and Communism, was encountering the most formidable obstacle that it had been called upon to meet since Charles Martel repelled the invasion of the Mahometans at Tours in the eighth century."

He added that:

"To-day the conflict must be decided by superior spiritual power; that economic materialism has lost Russia to the Christian Church and that the man-made and anti-Christian religion of race and blood now threatened the loss of Germany as well."

He added that the boundaries of Christendom were being diminished and that it is fighting a war of defence involving in some instances its very existence.

Is it not time that Christian nations should arouse themselves to the dangers—physical, political, moral and spiritual—by which they are surrounded?

The obligation rests upon all who profess the name of Christ to preach and teach the Gospel of love and peace and to cooperate in bringing into harmonious relation the peoples of all lands.

There should be a spirit of valour; not a feeling of defeatism; but rather should all say, as did Rupert Brooke, as he sailed to the hard campaign in Gallipoli:

"Now God be thanked, who hath matched us with this hour."

The future looks dark with the engines of human destruction in operation in many lands, and Communism and atheism lifting their strident voices seeking to undermine faith in a moral universe and in a Living and Everlasting Father, but—

"If life be a comedy to those that think, and a tragedy to those that feel, it is a victory to those that believe."

Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, believing in God, in the ultimate triumph of His kingdom, look forward with courage and faith, and joyfully associate themselves with all who seek righteousness and await the coming of Jesus Christ Our Lord.

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language. Within three years after arriving in England he heard the Gospel. Six months later on May 18, 1917, he was baptized. Within a year after baptism, he served on a short term mission in London. To-day he is president of the London District in the British Mission.

When the time comes to introduce the Gospel to Russia, its missionaries will take with them the record of the Nephites, and the Russian people will read it in their native tongue. This will have been made possible by a native of that country who heard and accepted the message of Mormonism.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

HILL CUMORAH, near Palmyra, New York, where the Angel Moroni delivered the Golden Plates of the



Hill Cumorah
Pageant scene.

Book of Mormon to the Prophet Joseph Smith on September 22nd, 1827, will be the scene of another religious pageant "Truth out of the Earth," according to an announcement by President Don B. Colton of the Eastern States Mission. It will be the second annual presentation of the pageant. Last year's presentation at the

base of the historic hill was attended by more than 6,000 people. It is planned to construct a permanent stage for this year's spectacle which will accommodate a cast of more than 100. A natural amphitheatre is formed by the slope of the Hill and arrangements are being made to ultimately provide seating accommodations for 25,000 people. On top of the Hill stands an imposing memorial to the Angel Moroni, commemorating the delivery of the plates to the prophet.

WORLD-FAMED photographer, Mr. Alfred Eisenstaedt, was a recent visitor to Salt Lake City, where he took numerous photographs of the Mormon Tabernacle, Choir, and organ. The pictures will appear in an early issue of *Life*, well-known picture magazine. Mr. Eisenstaedt is regarded as one of the world's ten greatest photographers and for eight years was photographer for the Associated Press in Europe. He has taken pictures of almost all of the ruling heads and royal families of Europe.

TAHITI, French colonial possession in the far-off South Seas, now has 14 Latter-day Saint chapels located there, three new ones having been recently constructed. The sixteen travelling missionaries in that mission recently held a convention at Papeete, which marked the first time in more than a quarter of a century that all of the missionaries had been assembled together. At the time of the conference the missionaries broadcast a programme over Station FOBA., the only radio station in French Oceania.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT CONFERENCE

With approximately 150 in attendance at the evening session, Birmingham District conference was held Sunday, February 28th, in the Handsworth Branch Chapel.

Principal speaker at the evening meeting, conducted by District President Norman Dunn, was President Joseph J. Cannon. Others were Supervising Elder Karl F. Foster and Elder Ferrell K. Walker. Musical numbers were furnished by the District choir and Sister Muriel Hunter and Brother George Makin, who sang vocal solos.

Brother William St. John Yates, second counsellor in the district presidency, conducted the afternoon meeting. Speakers were Brother George E. Hunter, first counsellor,

who also conducted the morning session, Elders William Byron Hawkins, Arthur W. Jorgensen, and President Cannon. The Singing Mothers' Chorus and Sister Alice Conway, who sang a vocal solo, furnished the musical numbers.

Morning speakers were Elders Blaine D. Parkinson, Victor Blaine Hart, Brothers William T. Nightingale, Robert L. Dunn and President Cannon. Solos were sung by Brother George Makin and Sister Winifred Makin.

Rochdale Branch Chapel, located on Lower Sherriff Street, will be the scene of Manchester District conference, to be held Sunday, March 7th. It will be followed on March 14th by Hull District conference.

OF CURRENT INTEREST

SPECTACULAR is the population movement in recent years from European Russia into the wide spaces of Siberia and the Urals. The tide of industrial empire in Soviet Russia is flowing to the East. Figures from the Soviet Statistical Bureau reveal that in the ten years since 1926 the population of six regions has increased from 2,652,100 to 7,406,700. The greatest increase has occurred in three industrial regions of the Urals—Sverdlovsk, Chelyabinsk and Omsk. With natural resources greater in that part of the country than had been suspected, with abundant water power and arable land sufficient to support a larger population, Soviet Russia's "Far East" has a future which supporters consider as valuable and even similar to America's "Far West." However Russia's growth is due more to industrial than to agricultural development as indicated by concentration of the new population in cities. Nineteen cities with a present population of 3,061,400 contained only 785,700 inhabitants in 1926. Also these regions had 30 cities in 1926, to-day they have 102. Then too, whereas individual initiative played the principal role in the settlement of America's West, governmental control has largely directed the settlement of Russia's East.

KHAKI-CLAD figures helping in emergency relief and rehabilitation in the Ohio Valley flood zone are not all members of the military. They are Boy Scouts. The "good turns" done by these trained youths throughout the world in disaster areas will ever be inestimable. American Scout officials recall that in previous emergencies such as the 1926 Florida hurricane, the Illinois cyclones of 1925, the Mississippi, Pueblo and New England flood, the Santa Barbara earthquake, and the Chicago stock yards fire, the boys who are always conscious of the need to "be prepared" earned words of praise for their courage, energy and discipline.

CHARLES DICKENS, whose anniversary has been widely celebrated in February, still leads the list of best sellers among popular classics. In the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics more than a million copies of his works have been published in Russian translation in the last 19 years. In England his "David Copperfield" continues to hold premier place.

THE ANTARCTIC region around Little America is the storehouse of oil and coal that some day will replace the diminishing supply of the two fuels in other parts of the world, according to Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, who lectured in Portland, Oregon, recently. He stated, "I am sure there is oil under the ice, and you could get that oil out if you had to." A weather department observation station in the South Polar region would be of untold aid to weather study throughout the world, in his opinion. The intense cold of the area, "40 to 50 degrees colder than at the North Pole," also might have a preservative value now undeveloped, said Admiral Byrd, who pictured a giant refrigerator set up in Little America. "Some of the meat we took down there in 1928 we ate in 1935, and one of my 'planes that was in the snow for four years is now in use back in this country," he concluded.

RUSSIAN natural scientists have reported the sudden appearance of a small island in the Black Sea off the Crimean coast, near Balaklava. The researchers believe the island to be a product of a rare geological phenomenon. Centuries ago, they said, waves in the sea undermined a huge cliff and dropped it into the sea, where its weight caused a buckle in the sea bottom. A new shifting of weight, perhaps caused by recent earthquakes in Caucasil, pushed this fault above water to form an island, which is some distance from the shore.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Doings in the Districts—

MANCHESTER—Elder Blaine D. Fisher spoke on the principles of the Gospel before the Men's class of St. Stephen's Congregational Church at Milnrow on Sunday, February 21st. The address was followed by a lengthy and enlightening discussion.

The Rochdale M Men Football Club sponsored a dance on Saturday, February 20th, at Rochdale. More than 130 were present including several of the District missionaries.

SCOTTISH—Glasgow Branch M.I.A. held a social in the Branch hall Tuesday, February 16th under the direction of Brother James Gemmell, president of the Y.M.M.I.A. Approximately 45 were in attendance at the function.

LEEDS—At baptismal services held Sunday, February 21st in the Feversham Street Baths, Bradford, the following were baptized and confirmed: Walter Guy, baptized by Elder Wilford P. Jordan and confirmed by Supervising Elder John W. Boud; Clifford Guy, baptized by Elder Jordan and confirmed by Elder Joseph H. Black; Fred Laycock, baptized by Brother George Smith and confirmed by District President Herbert Walker; Harry Laycock, baptized by Brother Smith and confirmed by Brother Thomas I. Watkins; Edna Jackson, baptized by Brother Arthur Warnes and confirmed by Elder Alton D. Merrill; Margaret Jackson, baptized by Brother Arthur Warnes and confirmed by Brother Cyril Warnes and Alice Pickering, baptized by Elder Rodney J. Shirley and confirmed by Elder Marvin G. Butterworth. The services were conducted by Brother John C. Harrison, second counsellor in the District presidency.

A Batley Branch social sponsored by the M.I.A. was held Saturday, February 13th. Supervising Elder John W. Boud and District President Herbert Walker were in attendance.

LIVERPOOL—Brother Clifford Hartley was master of ceremonies at the Preston Branch Valentine social held Thursday, February 18th, in the Branch hall. Sisters Bessie and Gertrude Corless and Sister Mary C. Hartley served refreshments.

BIRMINGHAM—Hansworth Branch M Men, under the direction of Brothers Charles Collins, Tom Millward, and Elder Victor Blaine Hart have entered the First Division of the Birmingham Baseball League. Through the efforts of Brother Bertram Stokes, District Scout Supervisor, it is probable that a troop will be organized in Hansworth Branch in the near future. The Beehive classes are growing under the direction of Sisters Violet Grundy and Faith Dunn.

NORWICH—Norwich District Green and Gold Ball was held in Great Yarmouth Thursday evening, February 18th. Each Branch was represented by its "Queen" and her attendants. Sisters Marjorie Firmin (Norwich), Lillian Jackson (Yarmouth), Muriel Upson (Lowestoft), and Mildred Jennis (Thurlton), as Queens, were introduced by Master of Ceremonies Elder Seth H. Young. Charles Boyce and his Band furnished music, and the District officers and missionaries were present.

With the assistance of Sisters Annie Stafford and Violet Jackson, Sister Mary Coleby conducted the Lowestoft Branch Primary social on Wednesday, February 17th. Two plays, "The Good Ship Health," and "Cinderella," were presented during the programme.

HULL—Gainsborough Branch held its annual Sunday School prize presentation Friday, February 12th. Sister Ellen M. Cavanagh gave prizes to scholars having exemplary attendance records. Refreshments were served by Sisters Cavanagh, Elizabeth B. Mills, Maggie Dunstan, Kathleen A. Thornton and Brother Ernest A. Jackson.

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